

KNIGHTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

To

The Chairman and Members of the
Knighton Rural District Council.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1943.

Mr Chairman, Mrs Coltman Rogers and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1943. Owing to the War the Ministry of Health has asked for a very curtailed report. No statistics have been submitted by the Registrar General. All statistics will be given in a full report at the end of hostilities.

The district is mountainous and purely Agricultural, it comprises 16 Parishes. The majority of the dwelling houses are isolated farms or cottages.

The Medical Officer of Health and the Sanitary Inspector are the only Public Health Officials, both are part-time.

Laboratory Facilities. There is an Emergency Public Health Laboratory set up in Aberystwyth, under the direction of the Medical Research Council. The services are free, and the Bacteriologists are available for consultation on questions affecting Public Health.

Nursing in the Home. There are seven nurses in the District, all are fully trained in General and Midwifery Nursing.

Hospitals and Clinics. The hospitals at Shrewsbury and Llandrindod Wells adequately meet the needs of the district. There is a child Welfare Clinic in Knighton, and an Orthopaedic Clinic in Llandrindod Wells.

Diphtheria Immunisation. Most of the children of school-age, and also those between the ages of one and five years, have been immunised against Diphtheria. Babies as they come of age, are immunised by the Medical Officer of Health under the Government Scheme.

Tuberculosis. All cases of Tuberculosis are seen by the Tuberculosis Physician, X-rays, Sputum examination, and treatment are carried out by him. Sanatorium treatment is also arranged by him.

Venereal Disease. There is a Venereal Clinic in Hereford, and arrangements have been made to send cases there for treatment.

Infectious Diseases. No cases of infectious disease were reported during the year. A few cases of Pneumonia and Whooping Cough were notified.

Housing. Conditions regarding housing have been kept under observation. Premises considered unfit in the initial survey, which have fallen vacant have been prevented from being relet.

Milk Supply. In the course of the year considerable activity has been displayed in regard to the scheme initiated by the Ministry of Agriculture for sampling milk for keeping qualities. Over 950 samples have been taken and the results show a marked improvement which reflect the conditions under which the milk is produced. Fortnightly visits are paid to all farms on which Milk is produced for human consumption. Structural and Sanitary improvements have been effected to cow sheds to meet the standard set by the Milk and Dairies Order.

Water Supply The water supply of the District has been the subject of close and constant attention during the year, both as regards quality and quantity. Several hundred samples have been taken of
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village sources and school supplies, and where impurity was found, action was taken to remedy the same.

Whitton Hostel. Samples of water taken at Whitton Hostel were not satisfactory. This was found to be due to defects in the Chlorinating Plant, this was remedied and the water is now satisfactory.

I am, Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) H.M. Carleton.

Medical Officer of Health.